## STATE SENATOR - MARK SCHAUER - 19TH DISTRICT

## Schauer Press Release



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## SCHAUER HONORED FOR VOLUNTEER WORK

LANSING—State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) today received the Volunteer Sprirt Award from the Connect Michigan Alliance for his outstanding leadership in advocacy of organziations that support Michigan volunteers. He and several other legislators were honored at a ceremony today at the Capitol.

"Volunteering is one of the best ways to help strenthen and develop communities," said Schauer. "As we work to grow and diversify our economy and bring jobs to Michigan, it is important to give businesses healthy, livable communities for their workers."

Schauer is involved in a diverse range of volunteer activities. He is extremely active with the Community Action Agency, where he participates annually in its Walk For Warmth. Schauer has also been recognized statewide for his work with Habitat for Humanity. His other volunteer experience includes work with the Food Bank of South Central Michigan and service as a member of the board of directors for Urban League of Battle Creek, Kids 'N Stuff in Albion, and the Jackson Symphony. Schauer recently finished his tenure as honorary co-chair for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund and continues to do volunteer advocacy for the group.

"Calhoun and Jackson Counties have given me many opportunities to serve," said Schauer. "I am pleased to join so many of my neighbors who are making our communities better."

Today's celebration was held as a kick-off for Michigan Volunteer Week, which will be April 23-29. More than 50 percent of Michigan residents volunteer. They give their time in a wide range of settings from hospitals to food banks to chidlren's sports and the performing arts. The Connect Michigan Alliance is an organziation dedicated to promoting and strenthening a life-long ethic of servcie and civic engagement through the support of community building activities.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.